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Community *notes*

Job Fair This Monday

On Monday, April 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Congressman Elijah E. Cummings will host his 19th annual job fair at the Fifth Regiment Armory (219 29th Division Street, Baltimore, 21201). Directions to the Fifth Regiment Armory are available on the [web](#).

More than 60 employers will be onsite to receive resumes, answer questions about current job opportunities and conduct on-the-spot interviews. For a complete list of the employers at the fair, click [here](#).



There are also 5 workshops including information about apprenticeships and jobs with the Maryland Port Administration, an overview of the federal application process, and job searching in the digital age. Click [here](#) to view more information on the workshops. The Maryland Department of Labor and Licensing and Regulation's Resume Doctors will also be available to provide resume writing assistance and critique.

Please dress professionally and bring multiple copies of your resume. You are required to bring government-issued identification (for entrance to the Armory). The career of your dreams might be waiting for you at the fair!

For more information, please call Congressman Cummings' Baltimore office at (410) 685-9199.

Greeting

This week's community events cover a wide range of topics and interests. See you around town!

Mary Kay

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

In an effort to make roads safer, Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) and Howard County Police Department (HCPD) will partner during Distracted Driving Awareness month to educate motorists about the risks of distracted driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2014:

- Crashes involving distracted drivers killed 3,179 people and injured 431,000.
- Ten percent of all drivers ages 15 to 19 in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the collision. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted at the time of their crash.
- Throughout the U.S., 244 people aged 15 to 19 were killed in distraction-affected crashes.

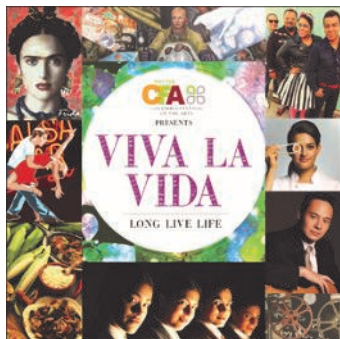
Distracted driving enforcement details will be conducted by the Howard County Police Department and other law enforcement agencies across the state for the entire month. For additional information and safety tips, please visit [facebook.com/hcdfrs](https://www.facebook.com/hcdfrs) and [facebook.com/howardcountypolicedepartment](https://www.facebook.com/howardcountypolicedepartment).

Viva La Vida

Columbia Festival of the Arts Spring Festival

Each weekend from April 8 through April 24, CFA presents exciting selections that include a free Family Fiesta afternoon indoor celebration of Latin-inspired music, food, artists, cool vendors, mini-dance lectures, cha cha lessons, and a Taste of Latin America by Whole Foods, Columbia Festival of the Arts offers nine (9) days of uninterrupted entertainment and culture this April.

Key performances include a double header high energy music concert with both sensational Grammy Award Winning band **La Santa Cecilia** and another top group **Las Cafeteras**, voted "Best Latin Alternative Band" in 2013 by LA Weekly. Classical Spanish guitarist Mark Edwards is back by popular demand, plus a selection of powerful lectures on *Imagining Post-Revolutionary Mexico* and *Cuba's Cinematic Revolution*. Spring film selections include Julie Taymor's **FRIDA**, the award winning **EAST SIDE SUSHI**, plus the 2nd Annual **Maryland Student Film Festival**. There's an abundance of food and dancing with a **Salsa Night** led by Eileen Torres, plus **Poetry and Paella** with actor/musicians Jorge Acosta and Jennyfur Anaya who bring Spanish language poetry and food for an evening of rich language and complex tastes. For more information and tickets, visit [CFA's website](#).



Russian and Eastern European Culture Fest

The community is invited to the Eastern Europe and Russia Culture Fest on Sunday, April 10, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 9421 Frederick Road in Ellicott City.

Hosted by CA and HCLS, Culture Fest will feature performances by the [Kalinka Dance Ensemble of Baltimore](#); Bulgarian folk dances by the [Hristo Botev Academy](#) and the [Bulgarian Culture Center of Baltimore "Dora Gabe"](#); the Columbia International Folk Dancers; [the Columbia Jewish Congregation Klezmer Orchestra](#); Anastasia Tsyganok; songs and Ukrainian bandura music by Solomia Maria Dutkewych; and romantic improvisation with bayan playing by Peter Slutsky and Eugene Borovikov. There also will be Serbian costumes by [Biljana Regan](#); painting of pysanky or Ukrainian Easter eggs; free samples of Eastern European baked goods prepared by the [Orthodox Church of Saint Matthew](#); and other exhibitors and activities. Attendees will be able to pick up a "Culture Fest Passport," complete it by visiting exhibitors' tables and then enter it into a drawing for prizes.

Eastern European cultural attire is encouraged. For more information, contact Laura Smit, International@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

New Gallery Exhibit

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, is pleased to announce two special exhibits in the galleries for April and May 2016. Charles Bowers will show his work, "Natures Colors Textures Patterns" in the Lobby Gallery and Paul Kerris will feature his "Graphic Stylings" in the Bill White Room Gallery. These exhibits will run from March 31 – May 7, 2016.

Charles Bowers, of Ellicott City, has exhibited in several one-person and numerous group exhibitions over the years, including The Artists Gallery in Frederick, MD, a solo show at the Howard County Conservancy and the Full Circle Gallery in Baltimore. Mr. Bowers uses a special process called hand pulled pigment ink image transfers and by nature of the process used for their creation, no two hand pulls of same image will ever match. Mr. Bowers is also a practicing Landscape Architect, who specializes in residential gardens.

Paul Kerris, of Columbia Maryland is currently a dedicated Art instructor. He has been commissioned by the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service, the DC Firefighters Association, clients asking for portraits of family member and pets and illustrations for a Catechetical Teaching publication. Mr. Kerris has also had some local exhibits of his work.

The public is invited to a reception on Sunday, April 3, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. For more information call 410-730-3987 or 301-596-4883.

Diversity Matters

This is one speaker you don't want to miss! Join the Columbia Association for "Diversity Matters: Building on Columbia's History as an Inclusive Community" featuring University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) President [Freeman Hrabowski](#). Named one of "America's Best Leaders" by U.S. News & World Report and one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" by TIME magazine, President Hrabowski is sure to inspire us as we think about the value of diversity in Columbia. This Community Building Speakers Series event is sponsored by CA and the African American Community Roundtable of Howard County.



President Hrabowski will speak from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. Registration is appreciated, but not required at CADiversityMatters.eventbrite.com. Child care will be provided upon request.

A copy of President Hrabowski's latest book "*Holding Fast to Dreams: Empowering Youth from the Civil Rights Crusade to STEM Achievement*" will also be available for sale and signing after the event. For questions and child care requests, please contact Planning@ColumbiaAssociation.org or 410-715-3166.

April Events

Free Chamber Concert
Christ Episcopal Church
6800 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

This concert will feature Music Director Jason Love and pianist Jason Bednarz performing Brahms' Cello Sonata No. 1. String players from the orchestra will also perform music from Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat Major. The Chamber Concert Series is free and open to the public. No seat reservation is required. For further information or directions, call 410-465-8777 or visit the [orchestra's website](#).

ManneqART Sculptural Art Workshop
Sunday April 17, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Andersen Becker Factory
9010 Maier Road, Unit 100, Laurel, MD 20723

Design and build your own unique wearable art sculpture! Sculptural artists and those who want to learn are invited to sign up for a full day of fun and creation. Design and build your own unique wearable sculpture with help from the experts at ManneqART. Robert Reed, creator of 2015 Competition winner OMGEODE! Diamond in the Fluff, and other ManneqART award winning designs, will lead the class. ManneqART founder and clothing designer Lee Andersen, and other ManneqART artists will also participate.

A limited number of old wedding dresses and a cache of materials, including fabric scraps, will be available. We also recommend you bring your own materials to play with including TWO of any item from the dollar store, your attic, or your closet (ideally with holes to allow them to be attached to the bra easily). An old bra or a new \$5.00 bra from Walmart makes a great foundation for all kinds of "sculpture on the human form."

Admission: \$75 (First Time Attendee), \$50 (Attended the Feb 20 Workshop or current ManneqART Artist), \$5 (Student Registration (student ID required)) [Sign up](#) today.

Parent/Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt
Robinson Nature Center
Friday, April 22, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Join a competition with other parents and teens (13 years and up) in a nighttime egg hunt using flashlights and your wits. Hundreds of eggs full of raffle tickets lie hidden, awaiting your discovery. Collect as many as you can! View sponsors and prizes under the upcoming events section at www.facebook.com/RobinsonNatureCenter. Admission: \$30 (one parent & teen); \$15 each additional person. Space is limited. Preregister to secure your place. Parents must remain with teens at all times. Rain date: April 29

Reminders:

Howard County Recycling News

Curbside collection of [yard trim](#) resumes on April

1. **Remember plastic bags are no longer accepted for yard trim collection.**

New! Residents can [earn a coupon](#) for free paper bags by completing an online survey (limit one coupon per family). **Starting April 4**, residents can exchange their coupon for a bundle of 10 paper bags at 4 locations in Howard County (while supplies last). **Coupon is required for free bag pickup.**

[9th Annual GreenFest](#)

Saturday, April 16
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Burrill Galleria, HCC

10th Annual Housing Fair

Saturday April 9
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Howard High School (8700 Old Annapolis Rd., Ellicott City)
Click [here](#) to pre-register now to receive event updates and express check-in at the fair.

Science, Light and Fun

Brighten up your day with family friendly activities and demonstrations that shine, glow, twinkle, and illuminate at the Maryland Science Center on Saturday, April 2, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Discover different forms of light and how it can be manipulated and altered into different shapes, sizes, and colors.



Don't be left in the dark! Create homemade glow sticks and bubbles that glow a black light room. Paint with light using long exposure photography, and enjoy a light themed show in the MSC Theater. Visitors will use UV light to freeze their own shadow or make secret messages appear. All activities are free with paid admission and completely free for members.



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